

Public Notice

The County of San Diego is providing notice and requesting public comment regarding a proposed application to impose and use a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at the McClellan-Palomar Airport (CRQ). The PFC's will also be used in support of administering the PFC program for the County. The County proposes to collect a PFC of \$4.50 per ticket for a total of \$4,947,065 over approximately 410 months. The proposed charge effective date is January 1, 2009 and the estimated charge expiration date is July 1, 2029. The proposed PFC will be used to help fund the following projects:

Project Number One: CONSTRUCT TAXIWAY CHARLIE: Taxiway Charlie reconstruction will provide for full strength pavements needed for safe use and maneuvering by airline aircraft.

The project will be complete by January, 2009. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 24. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$88,150. The project will help maintain safety and capacity.

Project Number Two: CONSTRUCT TERMINAL APRON: An improved and expanded airline aircraft terminal apron will provide enhanced safety for the maneuvering and handling of larger turbine powered aircraft.

The project will be complete by January, 2009. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 24. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$168,688. The project will help maintain safety and capacity.

Project Number Three: ENHANCE RUNWAY SAFETY AREA AND INFIELD DRAINAGE: Runway safety area improvements will provide a graded and well drained surface that enhances safety of flight operations, reduces significant adjacent terrain, includes a bypass exit taxiway to allow for maneuvering of various sizes of aircraft and reduces FAA tower workload in sequencing departures.

The project will be complete by January, 2009. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 24. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$79,165. The project will help maintain safety and capacity.

Project Number Four: CONSTRUCT BLAST FENCE: The blast fence protects on and off-airport vehicle traffic from engine blast. It is positioned so that aircraft when entering the runway don't blow debris.

The project was completed February 2008. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 24. The County proposes a PFC level

of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$18,226. The project will help maintain capacity.

Project Number Five: CONSTRUCT ACCESS ROAD: The circulator/access road will provide internal access from the terminal to parking areas thereby reducing congestion in the vicinity of the terminal and at the entrance to the airport.

The project will be complete by January, 2009. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 24. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$222,900. The project will help maintain capacity.

Project Number Six: ENHANCE SECURITY SYSTEM: Airport security systems will provide security for terminal vicinity and perimeters as well as screening of passengers and baggage with state-of-the-art equipment and allow for secure gates and perimeters with video monitoring.

The project will be complete by January, 2009. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 24. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$74,749. The project will help enhance security.

Project Number Seven: CONSTRUCT PASSENGER MOVEMENT FACILITY: Passenger movement facilities, that include a walkway, foot bridge, and elevator, provide convenient ADA capable access that enables passengers to travel between the terminal building and auto parking.

The project will be complete by January, 2009. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 24. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$64,905. The project will help maintain capacity.

Project Number Eight: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT TERMINAL BUILDING: The traveling public, airline and airport employees will benefit from suitable replacement building facilities that meet current and near future space demands, are constructed to meet current building codes, and provide improved airport safety and security in accordance with federal, state and local requirements. The improved terminal will provide space for airlines, passengers, airport emergency operations and control center, and FIS facilities. Mandatory separation of domestic and international passengers and crews will be achieved.

The project will be complete by January, 2009. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 23. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$4,150,032. The project will help maintain capacity.

Project Number Nine: PURCHASE AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING VEHICLE: A new aircraft rescue firefighting (ARFF) vehicle was obtained in 2006 to replace a 30 year old 1976 ARFF vehicle. This vehicle is utilized by firefighters stationed at Palomar Airport during the hours of air carrier service. Providing firefighting services at Palomar Airport is condition of Part 139 certification. Part 139 certification is required in order to allow commercial airline service at the airport.

The vehicle purchase was completed in 2006. PFC's are proposed to match Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Number 20. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$30,250. The project will help maintain safety.

Project Number Ten: PFC ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS: This project includes County PFC Administrative costs in accordance with FAA Order 5500.1, Paragraph 4-9c. This includes costs for preparing/submitting the application, ongoing accounting, oversight and preparation of quarterly reports, preparing and submitting other periodic reports as required by the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and FAA, and preparing final closeout paperwork. The County proposes a PFC level of \$4.50 and a total PFC revenue of \$50,000 for this project.

The County is proposing that Nonscheduled/On-Demand Air Carriers filing FAA Form 1800-31 (ATCO) be exempt from the requirement to collect. Based on available information, this class includes nine operators accounting for approximately 493 of 50,157 in 2006 (less than 1%). The County is proposing to exclude this class of carriers due to the cost of tracking and collecting PFC revenues in relationship to the anticipated level of revenue (i.e. it would cost more to collect than we would actually collect).

For questions and additional information on the proposed application, please contact Peter Drinkwater, Director of County Airports at (619) 956-4800. Official comments should be submitted in writing to the address below. Comments must be received by October 25, 2008.

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Thank you for your support of the County of San Diego Airport system.